

pitals or the large foundations. Possibly insurance companies should also be added to the list of available agencies.

It would seem as though a great deal of time might be saved, and possible waste of effort avoided if a conference of those who were the potential leaders of such a permanent program could be called into conference at an early date.

Without such a conference and, if possible, an accepted lasting program, sporadic and scattered efforts, almost sure to be unsatisfactory, are certain to be made.—*Bull. Am. Soc. for Control of Cancer*, 1938, 20: 6.

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## Medical Societies

### Canadian Medical Association— Ontario Division

The Annual Meeting held in Hamilton in May was an outstanding success from all points of view.

On the first day, May 29th, the Board of Directors met with all members in attendance and a lengthy agenda of business to be considered. On May 30th the Council assembled with 135 members present. The delegates represented every affiliated society in the Province as well as all the standing and special committees of the Association. There was intelligent and spirited discussion of the Association's reports which were presented. All were adopted with the exception of the Report of the Committee on Tariff. This was referred back for further study. At the round-table discussion, held in the evening, the important report of the Committee on Medical Economics was the first topic for consideration. In answering the questions addressed to this Association, the Committee undertook to define our views on the principles of compulsory health insurance. In declaring that the Ontario Medical Association is favourable to compulsory health insurance the Council was by no means unanimous, but the views enunciated by the Committee were sustained, and an important declaration of policy was made.

The officers chosen for the ensuing year are: *President*, Dr. W. A. Jones, Kingston; *President-elect*, Dr. A. B. Whytock, Niagara Falls; *Chairman of Council*, Dr. Harris McPhedran, Toronto; *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. O. A. Cannon, Hamilton; *Elective Members of the Committee on Finance*, Drs. John Ferguson, Toronto, James Ross, Toronto, and Carl Hill, Lansing.

The next annual meeting will be held jointly with that of the Canadian Medical Association in Toronto from June 17th to 21st, 1940.

The scientific sessions opened on May 31st. There was a large registration and all sessions and events had capacity audiences. The invited luncheon speakers were Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler, of Halstead, Kansas, and Principal R. A. Wallace, of Queen's University, Kingston. Wednesday evening was devoted to a monster Alumni Dinner, in which were included many class reunions.

At the Annual Dinner on Thursday evening Dr. F. S. Patch, President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association brought greetings and felicitations from the Canadian Medical Association organization.

The following twelve members of the Association were named Senior Members and granted the honour of Life Membership: Drs. F. J. Burrows, Seaforth; G. Stewart Cameron, Peterborough; F. Arnold Clarkson, Toronto; George S. Young, Toronto; G. S. MacCarthy, Ottawa; W. T. Connell, Kingston; H. B. Longmore, Campbellford; John Graham, Bolton; James McQueen, Galt; W. E. Olmsted, Niagara Falls; R. D. Rudolf, Toronto; T. F. Robertson, Brockville.

Dr. G. S. Cameron who has a unique record of service to the Association in the office of Honorary Treasurer for the past twenty years was presented with a suitably inscribed gold-headed cane in addition to his certificate of Life-Membership.

The scientific sessions throughout were of high standard. At the luncheon on the final day the speaker was Sir Frederick Banting who spoke on "Medical Research in Canada".

The following awards were made for scientific exhibits:

Class I. Gold Medal—Drs. E. C. Janes and A. E. Walkey, Hamilton, "Fractures of the femoral neck". Silver Medal—Drs. D. B. Aitchison and E. C. Janes, Hamilton, "Extrapleural pneumolysis with subsequent extrapleural pneumothorax". Certificates of Merit—Dr. A. G. McGhie, Hamilton, "The pathological heart"; Dr. H. M. Nicholson, Hamilton, "Abnormal conditions of the ear, nose and throat".

Class II. Gold Medal—Dr. W. O. Stevenson, Hamilton, "Head injuries". Silver Medal—Dr. M. C. Morrison, London, "The treatment of rheumatoid arthritis with sodium aurothiomalate". Certificates of Merit—Dr. Gordon Calder, London, "Gastric and duodenal ulcers"; Dr. P. W. Hardie, Hamilton, "Sectional radiography, its value as a control of collapse therapy".

The Ontario Medical Association has expressed its grateful thanks to Dr. O. A. Cannon, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, to all members of Local Committees, and to the entire membership of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine for the success of an outstanding meeting which will long be remembered.

### Cape Breton County Medical Society

At the annual meeting of the Cape Breton County Medical Society, held in the Hamilton Memorial Hospital, the officers for the ensuing year were elected: *President*, Dr. L. R. Meech, North Sydney; *Vice-President*, Dr. J. F. Bates, Glace Bay; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr. M. J. MacAulay, Sydney; *Members of the Executive*, Drs. D. W. Archibald, Sydney Mines, B. F. Miller, New Waterford, A. L. Sutherland, Sydney; *Representatives to the Nova Scotia Medical Society*, Drs. J. S. Munro, North Sydney, M. G. Tompkins, Glace Bay, and J. J. Roy, Sydney.

### London Academy of Medicine

At the last business meeting of the London Academy of Medicine the following members were installed in the offices as shown below for the coming year: *Honorary President*, Dr. John A. McGregor; *Past President*, Dr. J. H. Geddes; *President*, Dr. F. S. Kennedy; *First Vice-President*, Dr. G. R. Collyer; *Second Vice-President*, Dr. W. S. Johnson; *Treasurer*, Dr. A. E. Mowry; *Secretary*, Dr. W. H. M. Thomson.

W. H. M. THOMSON, *Secretary*.

### The Nova Scotia Medical Society

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia held its eighty-sixth annual meeting at "the Pines", Digby, on July 5th and 6th. Discussion centred largely around the relations of the profession and the public, a problem considered foremost in drawing up the program.

The Public Health Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. P. S. Campbell, tabled a report showing that the mortality rate in the province during the past year had decreased from death due to all causes except heart disease and cancer. These showed an increase. The puerperal fever mortality rate of 3 per 1,000 living births was the lowest ever recorded in the province and the lowest for Canada. Prior to this year each stillbirth has been recorded on two forms, as a birth and a death. It is hoped that the special stillbirth form will throw new light on the causative factors involved in the fatalities. Mention was made of the travelling dental unit which, with the cooperation of the Canadian Dental Hygiene Council, has begun its tour of the province.

Dr. W. L. Muir, Treasurer, reported the financial standing of the Society as being good.

Dr. J. J. Cameron, of Antigonish, and Dr. W. R. Dunbar, of Truro, as past-presidents of the society and for outstanding service were elected to honorary membership.

A resolution that the provincial government be advised of the need of improved, larger accommodations at the Victoria General Hospital

in Halifax was enthusiastically received and carried unanimously.

Dr. R. C. Williams gave a valuable address on "Medical care plans for low-income farm families". An abstract of this is given elsewhere in the *Journal* (p. 195).

Dr. T. C. Routley gave a highly interesting account of "Medical relief in the Province of Ontario". The discussion which followed these presentations showed clearly how vital a problem is health insurance. Men from the extremes of the province spoke, giving their views bringing up their own particular difficulties. Although the tangible results of all this were slight, it was felt that a thorough approach to a large subject had been made in a sane manner.

Dr. F. S. Patch opened the clinical program, and his presentation on "Urinary tract infections", stressing the value of the simpler methods of examination, was of practical value to general practitioners as well as specialists in this field. Interesting papers were also presented by Drs. Thomas A. Lebbetter, of Yarmouth, on "Coronary artery disease"; L. R. Morse, Lawrencetown, on "Post-operative thrombosis"; J. R. Corston, Halifax, on "Dagenan"; and W. K. House, New Waterford, on "Inguinal hernia: its treatment with special reference to fascial procedures".

The annual dinner moved through its several stages smoothly under the gracious and efficient guidance of the president, Dr. J. H. L. Simpson, who was responsible to a great extent for the success of the meeting, working with Dr. Grant and the able local committee. The golf tournament provided prizes for almost everybody who cared to keep score. There were many informal sessions at the salt water pool, yielding bodily and mental stimulation.

The officers elected for the coming year are: *President*, Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax; *First Vice-President*, Dr. A. B. Campbell, Bear River; *Second Vice-President*, Dr. J. S. Brean, Mulgrave; *Secretary*, Dr. H. G. Grant, Halifax (re-elected); *Treasurer*, Dr. W. L. Muir, Halifax (re-elected). To the provincial medical board: Drs. J. G. MacDougall, H. K. MacDonald, F. R. Little, J. S. Brean, T. A. Lebbetter and L. R. Meech. *Members of the Council, Canadian Medical Association*: Drs. S. W. Williamson, Yarmouth; H. K. MacDonald, Halifax; W. N. Rehfuess, Bridgewater; J. F. Bates, Glace Bay; H. D. O'Brien, Halifax; K. A. MacKenzie, Halifax; J. H. L. Simpson, Spring Hill, and J. J. Roy, Sydney.

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### The Ontario Neuro-Psychiatric Association

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Neuro-Psychiatric Association was held at the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, on June 16, 1939, and proved very successful.

The President, Dr. D. R. Fletcher, Superintendent of the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, presided. The meeting was opened with the Invo-

cation by the Reverend Dr. H. Carmichael. The Address of Welcome to the visiting association was extended by His Worship, Mayor Fred Rowe, of Whitby.

The program for the afternoon session was as follows:

1. Presidential Address.
2. A Review and Preliminary Report of Sodium Diphenyl Hydantoinate (Dilantin) and its Combination with Phenobarbital in the Treatment of Epilepsy—Dr. C. H. Pratt, Ontario Hospital, Woodstock.
3. The Use of Sodium Barbital in the Treatment of Chronic Disturbed Continued Treatment Patients—Dr. C. A. Cleland, Department of Health, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.
4. Every Department a Treatment Unit—Dr. S. R. Montgomery, Ontario Hospital, St. Thomas.

The usual Association Dinner followed the afternoon session. Dr. D. R. Fletcher and his staff of the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, were fittingly thanked for the cordial and most complete hospitality shown to the delegates.

The following are the officers for the coming year: *Honorary President*, Hon. H. J. Kirby, K.C.; *President*, Dr. C. S. Tennant; *Vice-President*, Dr. A. McCausland; *Secretary*, Dr. S. G. Chalk.

*Executive Committee*.—Drs. B. T. McGhie, J. P. S. Cathcart, W. W. Barraclough, C. A. Cleland, D. O. Lynch, J. S. Stewart, J. R. Howitt.

*Editorial Committee*.—Drs. E. A. Clark, C. B. Farrar, C. H. Pratt, C. A. Wicks.

### The Regina and District Medical Society

At the annual meeting of the Regina and District Medical Society the following officers were elected: *Honorary President*, Dr. Laurent Roy; *President*, Dr. Lloyd Brown; *Vice-President*, Dr. F. A. Corbett; *Secretary*, Dr. B. Brachman; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. E. McCutcheon; *Executive*, Drs. E. T. French, Harold Spooner, H. H. Graham, and J. B. Trudelle.

to be a Teaching Fellow in Surgery—Dr. J. A. Swan. To be Teaching Fellow in Medicine—Dr. H. W. Riley. To be Teaching Fellow in Medicine (St. Boniface Hospital)—Dr. Sara Dubo. To be Teaching Fellow in Obstetrics and Gynecology—Dr. J. E. Musgrove. To be Lecturer in Oto-Laryngology—Dr. Robert Black. To be Assistant Professors of Surgery—Dr. M. R. MacCharles and Dr. C. E. Corrigan. To be Lecturer in Surgery—Dr. J. A. Hillsman. To be Associate Professor of Obstetrics—Dr. F. G. McGuinness. To be Assistant Professor of Gynecology—Dr. C. R. Rice. To be Associate Professor of Medicine—Dr. L. G. Bell.

It has been further recommended that each of the following who have recently retired from active teaching be given the rank of Professor Emeritus—Drs. A. J. Douglas, J. A. Gunn, D. S. MacKay, and C. R. Gilmour.

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### University of Montreal

Dr. Léon Gérin-Lajoie has been appointed Professor of Gynecology, and Dr. Roma Amyot and Dr. Jean Saucier, Professors of Neurology.

### University of Toronto

War Memorial Scholarships have been awarded by the Alumni Federation of the University of Toronto as follows: Medicine: First No. 4 Canadian General Hospital Scholarship, Thomas H. Black, Toronto, of fourth year medicine. Second No. 4 Canadian General Hospital Scholarship, Thomas A. Fraser, Clinton, Ontario, of fifth year medicine. Third No. 4 Canadian General Hospital Scholarship, Thomas S. Wilson, Saint John, N.B., of fourth year medicine. John McCrae Memorial Scholarship, George O. Watts, Toronto, Ontario, of fifth year.

## Medico-Legal

### Legal Aspects of the Operation for Sterilization

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As various members of the Association have asked for advice as to the circumstances under which it is legally and ethically justifiable to sterilize a man or woman, it may be well to deal with it briefly.

It is practically certain that a surgeon may not sterilize a man, and possible that he may not sterilize a woman, even with their consent, for the sole reason that the patient wishes to

## University Notes

### University of Manitoba

The following appointments are announced. To be Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department of Medicine in the Winnipeg General Hospital—Dr. J. D. Adamson. To be Professor of Surgery and Head of the Department of Surgery in the Winnipeg General Hospital—Dr. O. S. Waugh. To be Professor of Gynecology and Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologist to the Winnipeg General Hospital—Dr. J. D. McQueen. To be Professor of Obstetrics—Dr. Ross Mitchell.

The following appointments have been recommended by the Medical Faculty Council Execu-